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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 28, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to March 28, 2004.

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